



LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
Notice to All Interested Parties
Proposed Availability of FY2005 Competitive Grant Funds

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is providing notice of the proposed availability of competitive grant funds to provide civil legal services to eligible clients during calendar year 2005. In accordance with LSC's multi-year funding policy, the solicitation of proposals will only be for specified service areas. Service areas being competed for 2005 funding will be published in the federal register and at www.ain.lsc.gov, by April 16, 2004.

LSC is soliciting grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient and high quality civil legal services to eligible clients. Nonprofit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients, private attorneys, groups of private attorneys or law firms, state or local governments, and substate regional planning and coordination agencies are eligible to apply. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is available from www.ain.lsc.gov beginning April 23, 2004. Once at the website, click on "Bulletin Board," then proceed to "FY 2005 Request for Proposals."

Pursuant to the LSC regulation governing competition (45 CFR 1634), a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC) must be filed. The due date for filing the NIC is May 21, 2004, 5:00 p.m., ET, for applicants competing for service areas in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The deadline for filing a grant application for service areas in these states is June 18, 2004, 5:00 p.m., ET.

Applicants competing for service areas in Massachusetts and Minnesota must file the NIC by July 9, 2004, 5:00 p.m., ET. Grant proposals for service areas in these states are due by August 6, 2004, 5:00 p.m., ET. **Competitive grant filing dates for service areas in Oregon will be published when that information becomes available.**

LSC has established a service desk to respond to applicant inquiries regarding the grants competition. Please submit inquiries to the competition service desk by e-mail at competition@lsc.gov.

LSC will hold an Applicant Information Session, on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 (2:00 p.m. ET). This is a free telephonic conference sponsored by LSC to assist applicants in preparing the competitive grant application and to promote participation in the competitive grants process. See Appendix H of the RFP for details about the conference, or contact the competition service desk.

Please visit www.ain.lsc.gov, regularly to remain current on the LSC competitive grants process.